THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K.ADVANI): (a) to (c) Cases of circulation of fake currency notes in the country are reported from time to time. Available information about the amount of fake currency notes seized and persons arrested and punished in connection therewith during 1998 and 1999 is given below:—

Year	Amount of Fake Currency notes seized	No. of persons arrested	No. of persons punished
1998	1,19,71,871	374	Not available
1999	2,92,19,100	504	Not available

Union Minister in Vigilance Net

*351. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Delhi edition of Statesman dated 22nd Novemner, 1999 under the caption, "Union Minister in Vigilance net", and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Government has seen the news item under reference. Facts are being ascertained from the State Government.

Closure of NTC Units in Bihar

*352.SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that two NTC units in Bihar, one at Mokama and the other at Gaya, are facing closure; and

(b) if so, what are Government's plans to revive these units?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) NTC has two mills in Bihar namely, Gaya Cotton & Jute Mills, Gaya and Bihar Cooperative Spinning & Wvg. Mokameh which are managed by NTC (WBAB&O) Ltd., a subsidiary of NTC Limited. These mills are presently facing shortage of working capital. Due to continuous losses, NTC (WBAB&O) Ltd. along with 7 other subsidiaries of NTC have been referred to BIFR and were declared sick.

The Government had approved a Turn Around Plan for NTC mills in 1995 which envisaged, inter-alia modernisation of 79 mills at a cost of Rs. 2005.72 crores, merger